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Dear Sir,

This unexpected letter from one world Surprise you a little. I am one of your readers and so far I have written 11 books and some of these are appreciated in high quarters. Some authors like Vasti, D.V. Gundappa and A.N. Krishna Rao have commended my efforts. The last of my publications was a novel dealing with the life of a Coorg. It was well received by the public and the first edition was sold out by about a month of its publication. After reading that book some of the Coorg elders suggested that I should take up the job of writing an authoritative book on the culture, customs and traditions of the Coorgs. Obviously thinking of the onerous responsibility involved I was hesitant at first but better counsel prevailed and I took up the responsibility and since the last one year I have toiled and have collected the materials from old veteran Coorgs and other sources. The book is complete now and is ready to go to the press. In this connection I can assure you that the book is both comprehensive and readable. Any Coorg who reads it would be justifiably proud of his own stock and the glorious traditions.

The cost of ~~[illegible]~~ preceding the book would amount to about Rs 3000/- and as I could not meet this amount from my slender income, I have come to you with a begging bowl. Otherwise, I would not have done so but this book is important and in the annals of the Coorg community it may stand as a beacon light for those who are interested in the Coorgs and their noble traditions & customs.

I have applocated likewise to four or five distinguished Sons of the Soil viz. D.B. K. Chengappa, Gen. Thimmaya, Mr C.M. Poonacha etc and hope to get the necessary money to defray the printing expenses.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely

Encl- A Synopsis of the book
A request for a photo.